MOON'S PHASES.

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Mar.	DAYS,	Sun Rises.	SUN SETS.	
20.	Friday,	6. 3.	6.12.	
21.	Saturday,	6. 2.	6.13.	
22.	Sunday,	6. 1.	6.14.	
23.	Monday,	5.59.	6.14.	
24.	Tuesday,	5.58.	6.15.	
25.	Wednesday.	5.57.	6.16.	
26.	Thursday,	5.55.	6.16.	

Thoughts for the Month.

By common consent, the South is goin to raise a large corn crop this year. Everyoody seems to be convinced that (except under peculiar circumstances) it will not do to raise cotton to buy corn. The fact that the price of cotton may be ruinously low, whilst that of corn remains high, has been recently brought home with terrible force to the all-cotton men, and the farmer with well-filled cribs is envy of his neighbors. The credit system is quick sand upon which our agriculture has been built up since the war, and the men without provisions are those who have erected the largest structures upon this treacherous foundation. When ready to begin the operations of a new year, they find that men and horses must be fed-provisions must be had upon any terms the merchant may dictate-and they think that heavy debts thus contracted can only be paid by planting heavily in cotton. At the end of the year, the empty crib and barn, as before drives the poor wretch along the same downward path; exhorbitant interest on borrowed money absorbing all the profits of his farm, and in addition yearly making inroads on his capital, until the merchant takes his mulcs and his implements and finally his land. The farmer, on the other hand' who has a supply of provisions is perfectly independent—the merchant has no holt upon him. Beyond a little iron for his ploughs, salt sugar and coffee, and a little cloth, he is obliged to buy nothing. He is master, instead of slave of the situation.—That this is so, any one can satisfy himself by inquiring the condition of the people in those regions of the South, when, either from soil or climate, grain is more generally raised than cotton. A gentleman from Floyd co., Ga., recently informed us that he had not heard the past year of a single lien given on a crop in that country, and as our Georgia readers knowthat is a wheat, corn and clover country -cotton never holding the leading position. But to return.

Whilst very properly anxious to raise provisiors at home, let us not forget that to cultivate corn on poor, unmanured upland, does not pay, whilst on the other hand, an acre of bottom land properly managed, will yield a very handsome profit. Where avoidable, not an open ditch should intersect these valuable lands, but blind ditches, over which the plough can run and corn grow, should be present whenever needed. How often do we see the best spots in bottom lands occupied by open ditches, and the briers a:.d weeds on their margins!

Rotation of Crops.

EDITOR SOUTHERN GULTIVATOR :- I see that you are trying to induce our farmers to adopt some system of rotation of crops; and knowing as I do, both by experience and observation, that it is the only means by which our country can regain its "ante bellum" prosperity. I perience and observation, that it is the regain its "ante bellum" prosperity, I am anxions to add my mite to so glorious a cause. I see that some are saying "cover over our land with with compost." which reminds me of what a farmer of our land said, who in answer to a friend who asked him the best method of improving land told him to " stack fodder all over it."-His friend opened his eyes and exclaimed, "Good gracious! where is the fodder to come from?" I would like to know, where is the compost to come from to cover over a plantation? I think it a most absurd notion to think of handling compost two or three times, and raising enough of it to "cover over a whole plantation," when we can get a fertilizer much better-at any rate a cheaper one. it won't pay to hire Sambo at ten dollars per month to haul litter.

I will give a better and a cheaper plan than by composing. Let every farmer sow one-half of the fand he intends to cultivate in cotton this year in oats, well put in, and be sure to fertifize the oats (your fertilizer will pay,) and immediately after cutting outs, sow 11 bushels peas to the acre, put the peas in well, and you can put 100 pounds more fertilizer per acre on the peas. (you won't lose it,) and when the pea vines reach their Nov. 13, 1873

full size, turn them under well with a double plough, and there let them remain until the spring; run a good and heavy harrow over the land. run off your cotton rows, and distribute your fertilizer, bed up and plant your cotton; and my word for it, you will make more cotton on the half of your present cotton land, treated in this way every other year, than you have been making on the whole. You will save one-half of the labor, will have no more gullied land, and will have your oat crop extra; will have better teams, more feed, more pleasure in life. and will be a better citizen generally.

And now, Mr. Editor, a little on corn. We must raise more of it; for even if a farmer takes my advise about cotton, he can't afford to raise cotton to buy corn with. We can't afford to raise cloverit is too slow; we can't wait for it two or three years. Let every farmer do away with clover, and take the common black pea instead. But now for the cornplough the land deep and well, run off corn rows on a level, give it some fertilizer-four feet apart is wide enoughplant one row in corn skip one for peas, and at the first working of the corn, drill one half bushel peas per acre in the skipped rows; cultivate both well with a sweep, and cultivate level; and after pulling the todder, with a double plough list on the peas, covering vines and all and let them these remain until next spring; run a deep furrow over the pea vines, plant your corn in it, throw out the middles immediately, and plant peas where the corn was, and corn where the peas were. You will make by this ten bushels of corn where you made but one. And you may continue to plant the same land in corn as long as you live; and if you will treat it in this way, will leave it better by far than you found it.

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TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

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COLUMBIA NIGHT EXPRESS

(Sundays excepted.)

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8:40 a m

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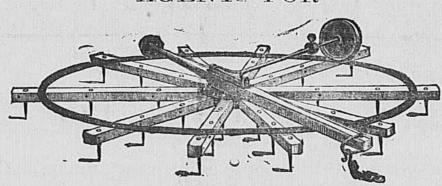
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